



Patient Hand Hygiene Audits

We would like to **thank you** for helping to improve the quality of care in this facility. **Prevention of infection is very important to us. You can help monitor our practices.**

Here are examples of opportunities for hand hygiene in a dialysis facility:

1. When coming onto or leaving the treatment floor
2. After removing gloves
3. Before and after direct patient contact
4. After completing tasks at one patient station before moving to another station
5. Before procedures, such as administering intravenous medications
6. Before and after contact with vascular access
7. Before and after dressing changes
8. After contact with items/surfaces at patient stations

Instructions for audit completion (**See SAMPLE**):

1. At the top of the page enter your **facility name and date**. **You do not need to fill out** any of the other information at the top of the page.
2. Please note: **Each row on the table is one observation.**
3. As you are watching staff members, **enter the letter that corresponds to the staff members positions**. Example N= Nurse or T= Technician
4. Enter **a check mark for each opportunity observed** in the “hand hygiene opportunity” column.
 - a. **If the observation was a success, enter a check mark for that opportunity.**
 - b. If the observation was **not successful, leave the opportunity column blank and make a note** in the “describe any missed attempts” column.
5. You **do not need to fill any information** on the bottom of the page.
6. Prior to the end of your dialysis treatment, **turn the sheet in** to the charge nurse or facility manager.
7. Your facility will submit the data results (number of completed audits and number of successful audits) to ESRD Network of the Ohio River Valley (Network 9) each month.

Please do not speak to staff about missed opportunities directly unless it is for your own care.

Questions? Call Deb 216-755-3053 or Sue 216-755-3054 at NW9 ESRD Network of the Ohio River Valley